



Minutes of the Barton Court liaison committee meeting held at The Dundas Arms, Kintbury, on 15 April 2022

Present

Kintbury Parish Council

Stephen Cook

West Berkshire Council

Alistair Buckley – senior planning officer

James Cole

Environment Agency

No representative

Barton Court Estate

David Hill

Hills Waste Solutions

Garry Johnson

The Hills Group

Monique Hayes

1. Apologies	
None received	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted	
3. Update on site activities	
<p>AB advised that the site is in aftercare for a period of five years which commenced on 27 November 2019.</p> <p>AB confirmed that an aftercare report had been submitted to the planning office in August 2021.</p> <p>GJ advised that TP had been overseeing works at the site during the final stages of restoration, when all non-material amendments to the restoration plan were completed, and will continue to do so during the aftercare period until it ends in 2024.</p> <p>GJ advised that some clearing works around trees had been undertaken on BC1 six months ago to address areas of restoration that had not taken. No further earthworks will be done, there are no issues with the fencing on BC1 and in terms of planning all is in order.</p> <p>DH advised that the local farmer is undertaking hedgecutting and grassed areas are being maintained with cutting and grazing. BC1 has many lapwing nests and stock is being kept off those areas until birds have fledged.</p>	

	<p>GJ advised that raised levels of chloride had been detected in the off-site borehole adjacent to the Kintbury Road (BC1). Additional monitoring is being done to establish the source which GJ suggested may be from road salt run-off. GJ stated that the spike in chloride has been noted and it is not believed to be coming from the landfill.</p> <p>JC enquired if monitoring was a planning issue. AB confirmed that it is not and it fell under the Environment Agency's site permit. GJ confirmed that all monitoring results are reported to the Environment Agency. GJ confirmed that no other issues had been identified with any other monitoring results.</p> <p>DH advised that around 10m – 20m of fencing in the BC2 area has rotted and will need replacing if the decision is made to keep the fence. DH to liaise with TP on this. Hedgecutting is being undertaken as part of routine maintenance of the area.</p> <p>AB stated that the overall site restoration has been well done and evidence of lapwing nests are a good indicator of the enhanced environment.</p> <p>AB advised that when the five year aftercare period comes to an end, Hills can make an application to discharge the aftercare conditions from a planning perspective.</p> <p>JC enquired about the length of time that monitoring on site would continue.</p> <p>GJ explained that the environmental permit can only be surrendered with the agreement of the Environment Agency and such an application would need to include evidence of satisfactory historic monitoring data.</p> <p>GJ advised that the site's the environmental permit is still in place and BC2 ownership will transfer to BC Estate once the site permit is surrendered. GJ and DH to liaise further on progress with this. DH confirmed that monitoring will continue once the BC Estate owns the land, albeit on a reduced basis.</p>	
5.	Any other business	
	There was no other business.	
6.	Next meeting	
	The next meeting will be held in March / April 2023.	